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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor of Microsoft and the Department of Justice settling in the case. The settlement agreement the two sides reached in November adequately addresses the concerns raised by the case's plaintiffs. There is really no need to spend any more money on litigating this case.

I really appreciate the way Microsoft has handled itself throughout the case. It has answered the allegations of unfair business tactics by making fundamental changes to key aspects of its operations. It will license Windows to the 20 largest computer-manufacturing companies at the same price and on the same terms. Additionally, Microsoft agreed to grant computer manufacturers the right to change the configuration of Windows. This will allow the manufacturers to replace features of Windows with software programs designed by Microsoft's competitors, which will give consumers a greater choice of products.

The settlement agreement is the appropriate remedy to the complaints lodged against Microsoft, and, in fact, it goes beyond the scope of the original suit. Microsoft has demonstrated good faith in agreeing to the settlement terms. Nothing more will be gained by dragging this case back to the courts.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mary Breivik